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PROGRAM AMENDMENTS STIP Amendment 98S-108

Action Item

CTC Meeting: March 29-30, 2000

Agenda Item: 2.1a(13)

Original Signed By

W. J. EVANS, Deputy Director

Finance March 1, 2000

STIP AMENDMENT 98S-108 ACTION

PROPOSED

ACTION UPDATE FROM NOTICE

This item was noticed at the February 2000 Commission meeting; the Commission requested the Action Item be placed on the consent calendar as originally proposed.

SUMMARY

This amendment programs \$250,000 from Sierra County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for the Downieville Interpretive Center & Rest Stop project, consisting of an informational kiosk, public restrooms and lockers, a paved parking area, and landscaping, for construction in FY 2000-01 on an unused Caltrans right of way along Route 49 in Downieville, under long-term lease by Sierra County.

RECOMMENDATION

The Sierra County Transportation Commission (SCTC) is requesting this amendment. The Department reviewed this amendment and found it to be consistent with the Commission adopted STIP Guidelines.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) revise the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30 day notice period as follows:

Add:

Project Information								
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
Sierra	03	1L54		LA	2000/2001	16.9	17.0	49
Project Title:	Downieville Interpretive Center							
Sponsor:	Sierra County							
Resp. Agency:	Sierra County							
RTPA/CTC:	Sierra County Transportation Commission (SCTC)							
Location:	In Downieville, 0.3 mile east of Nevada Street, on east side of Route 49, alongside Downie River							
Description:	Build Downieville Interpretive Center & Rest Stop: kiosk, restrooms, lockers, parking area, picnic tables,							
	landscaping							

STIP Programming - RIP		(Dollars in Thousands)						
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED								
PS&E			\$38					\$38
R/W SUP								
CON SUP								
R/W								
CON				\$212				\$212
TOTAL			\$38	\$212				\$250

BACKGROUND

This amendment programs \$250,000 from Sierra County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for the Downieville Interpretive Center & Rest Stop project, consisting of an informational kiosk, public restrooms and lockers, a paved parking area, picnic tables, and landscaping. The Department has signed a long-term lease with Sierra County to build the project on a Caltrans right of way on the east side of Route 49 in Downieville, currently used as an informal gravel parking area with picnic tables. Sierra County intends to build the project in Summer 2000. Sierra County has a need for traveler information and rest stop services for those who come to the county for hunting, fishing, hiking, bicycling, rafting and canoeing, since local businesses in Downieville and other small communities in Sierra County are open only during limited hours. Sierra County intends to build at least two more such rest stops in the county in the future.

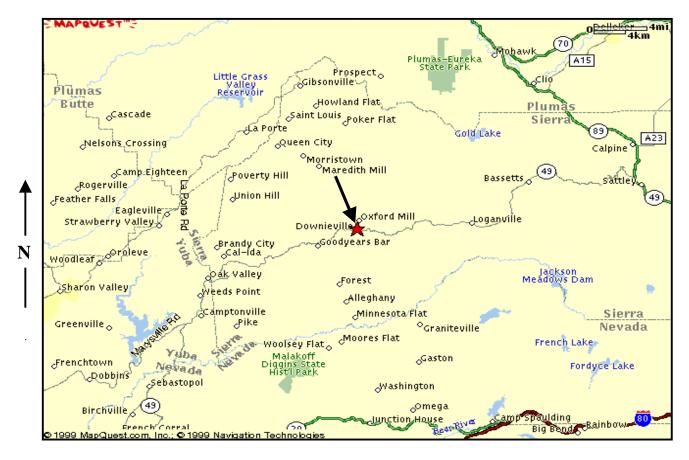
The County has asked for state-only funds for this small project, to avoid the extra time that would be required for federal environmental and funding approval, so that the project can be built in Summer 2000 and ready for the Fall 2000 hunting and fishing season. Minor projects (less than \$750,000) qualify for state-only funds under the Department's December 2, 1998 Project Funding Policy memo.

Sierra County	Through:	(\$ in thousands)
Unprogrammed County Share Balance	January 2000 CTC meeting:	\$1,426
	Less this Amendment:	-\$250
	Less 98S-93	<u>-\$2568</u>
	Balance Remaining:	\$1,176

Attachment

STIP AMENDMENT 98S-108

Location Map



03-Sierra PPNO.

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Description: Build Downieville Interpretive Center and Rest Stop

